

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A query assist tool providing a dynamically adaptive interface for creating a query search condition, comprising:  
  
means for displaying selectable columns of a table in a first display area;  
  
means for displaying selectable query operators in a second display area; and  
  
means responsive to selection of an operator, for displaying selectable options for the selected query operator in a third region;  
display area, the first display area, second display area, and third display area being displayed together on the dynamically adaptive interface.
2. (Original) The query assist tool of claim 1, further comprising means for displaying a resulting search condition in a fourth display area after selection of a column, an operator, and an option.
3. (Original) The query assist tool of claim 1, further comprising means for confirming a selection of a column, operator, and operator option.
4. (Original) The query assist tool of claim 3, further comprising means for displaying a resulting search condition in a fourth display area in response to a selection confirmation.

5. (Original) The query assist tool of claim 3, wherein the means for confirming a selection further comprises one or more of the group consisting of: a selectable button in a fifth display region, a mouse click, a keystroke, and an equivalent of any of the foregoing.
6. (Original) The query assist tool of claim 1, further comprising means for providing a resulting search condition to a query model.
7. (Original) The query assist tool of claim 1, the user interface further comprising means for receiving at least a portion of query statement, and means for displaying elements of the received query statement in a fourth display area.
8. (Original) The query assist tool of claim 1, further comprising means for receiving query elements from a query model instance.
9. (Original) The query assist tool of claim 1, further comprising means for receiving at least a portion of a query statement from an application.
10. (Original) The query assist tool of claim 1, wherein the means for displaying selectable columns further comprises means for providing a pull-down menu of selectable column names.

11. (Original) The query assist tool of claim 1, wherein the means for displaying selectable operators further comprises means for providing a pull-down menu of selectable operators.
12. (Original) The query assist tool of claim 1, further comprising means for displaying selectable operators for connecting a plurality of created search predicates in a fourth display region.
13. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a dynamically adaptive interface for creating a query search condition, comprising ~~the steps of~~:  
displaying selectable columns of a table in a first display area;  
displaying selectable query operators in a second display area; and  
in response to selection of an operator, displaying selectable options for the selected query operator in a third ~~region~~display area, the first display area, second display area, and third display area being displayed together on the dynamically adaptive interface.
14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising ~~the step of~~, after selection of a column, an operator, and an option, displaying a resulting search condition in a fourth display area.
15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising ~~the step of~~ providing means for confirming a selection of a column, operator, and operator option.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising ~~the step of~~ displaying a resulting search condition in a fourth display area in response to a selection confirmation.
17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the means for confirming a selection further comprises one or more of the group consisting of: a selectable button in a fifth display region, a mouse click, a keystroke, and an equivalent of any of the foregoing.
18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising ~~the step of~~ providing a resulting search condition to a query model.
19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising ~~the step of~~ receiving at least a portion of a query statement, and displaying elements of the received query statement in a fourth display area.
20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising ~~the step of~~ receiving elements of a query from a query model instance.
21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising ~~the step of~~ receiving at least a portion of a query statement from an application interface.
22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein displaying selectable columns further comprises ~~the step of~~ providing a pull-down menu of selectable column names.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein displaying selectable operators further comprises ~~the step of~~ providing a pull-down menu of selectable operators.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising ~~the step of~~ displaying selectable operators for connecting a plurality of created search predicates in a fourth display region.

25. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a computer program carrier readable by a computer and embodying one or more instructions executable by the computer for providing a dynamically adaptive interface for creating a query search condition, the computer program comprising:

program instructions for displaying selectable columns of a table in a first display area;

program instructions for displaying selectable query operators in a second display area;

and

program instructions for displaying selectable options for the selected query operator in a third ~~region~~ display area in response to selection of an operator, the first display area, second display area, and third display area being displayed together on the dynamically adaptive interface.

26. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 25, further comprising program instructions for displaying a resulting search condition in a fourth display area after selection of a column, an operator, and an option.

27. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 25, further comprising program instructions for providing means for confirming a selection of a column, operator, and operator option.
28. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 27, further comprising program instructions for displaying a resulting search condition in a fourth display area in response to a selection confirmation.
29. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 27, wherein the means for confirming a selection further comprises one or more of the group consisting of: a selectable button in a fifth display region, a mouse click, a keystroke, and an equivalent of any of the foregoing.
30. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 25, further comprising program instructions for providing a resulting search condition to a query model.
31. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 25, further comprising program instructions for receiving at least a portion of a query statement, and program instructions for displaying elements of the received query statement in a fourth display area.
32. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 25, further comprising program instructions for receiving query elements from a query model.

33. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 25, further comprising program instructions for receiving at least a portion of a query statement from an application interface.
34. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 25, wherein the program instructions for displaying selectable columns further comprise program instructions for providing a pull-down menu of selectable column names.
35. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 25, wherein the program instructions for displaying selectable operators further comprise program instructions for providing a pull-down menu of selectable operators.
36. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 25, further comprising program instructions for displaying selectable operators for connecting a plurality of created search predicates in a fourth display region.